

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please add the following section heading and paragraph on page 1, before line 4 of the specification:

**Cross-Reference to Related Applications**

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 to U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/267,488 entitled "Transgenic Plants Expressing *MinD* and an Efficient Method for Plant Chloroplast Transformation and Gene Expression", filed on February 9, 2001, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety.